



SAFETY ON THE LINE



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Holiday Safety Checklist

- ☐ **Holiday stress – Make realistic expectations for the holidays; budget your time as well as your money; make a list and prioritize activities and pace yourself.**
- ☐ **Be aware of what children's and consumer products have been recalled. Visit the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission website.**
- ☐ **Personal Safety – when shopping, be aware of your surroundings. Be careful when riding on escalators. Don't overload yourself with packages. Establish a place to meet in the event you become separated from children. Know where you parked your vehicle and have your keys ready. Stow your purchases out of sight in the car. Shop with a friend. Carry your purse tucked tightly under your arm – men, put your wallet in your front trouser pocket.**
- ☐ **When buying a natural tree, the most important safety precaution is maintaining freshness. To keep your tree fresh longer, cut off 2 inches of the trunk and place in a sturdy water holding stand with wide spread legs. Keep the tree watered. NEVER use electric lights on metal trees (like the old silver trees).**
- ☐ **Lights & decorations – Use only UL approved lighting. Inspect for frayed wires or cracked sockets. Never hang lights with staples or nails that can damage the cord's wiring insulation. Do not overload extension cords. Do not use indoor lights outdoors or visa-versa. Always unplug all lights before leaving home or going to bed.**



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"Keeping Christmas is good, but sharing it is better". –Arnold Glasow



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- ☐ **Fire in the fireplace – Don't burn wrapping materials – which can create toxic fumes or even a flash fire. Have your chimney inspected by a professional before every heating season.**
 - ☐ **Holiday safety for pets – Foil wraps on candies can cause internal injuries if swallowed. Keep gift ribbons and bows out of sight to prevent chewing and swallowing. Beware of Christmas season plants that are poisonous to both kids and animals – ivy, holly, poinsettias.**
 - ☐ **Food preparation safety – Keep food, utensils, preparation surfaces and hands clean. Keep hot foods hot and cold foods cold. Refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours.**
 - ☐ **Travel Tips- Plan scheduled rest stops. Don't overload vehicle or obstruct your view. If traveling to winter climate carry emergency equipment. The National Safety Council predicts that 381 people will live through an accident and enjoy the Christmas holiday because they took a few seconds to buckle their safety belts.**
 - ☐ **Party Plans – Never drink alcohol and drive. Even moderate consumption of wine or beer impairs a driver's ability to make the proper decisions on the road.**

And from all of us here in the S&MA Directorate, we hope you have a safe and wonderful Holiday Season and a Joyous and productive New Year.